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The Honorable Ronald Kirk  
Mayor of Dallas  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mayor Kirk:

Thank you for your letter concerning the applications of American Airlines and the TACA Group airlines for authority to conduct code-share operations between the United States and six Central America countries.

I am pleased to report that on May 20, 1998, we approved the request, subject to certain conditions. I am enclosing a copy of our order granting the American Airlines-TACA Group applications (Order 98-5-26).

In accordance with the Department's Rules of Conduct (14 C.F.R. Part 300), I am placing a copy of your letter and my response in the correspondence section of Docket OST-96-1700, as well as in the file for views submitted outside the formal record of the case.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rodney E. Slater', is positioned above the printed name.

Rodney E. Slater

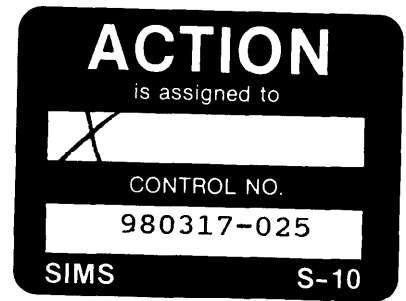
Enclosure

RONALD KIRK

MAYOR



CITY OF DALLAS



March 10, 1998

The Honorable Rodney E. Slater  
Secretary of Transportation  
400 7th Street, SW  
Room 10200  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Applications of American Airlines, et al, and the TACA Reciprocal  
Codeshare Services Proceedings (OST-96-1700)

Dear Secretary Slater:

On behalf of the City of Dallas, I urge the Department of Transportation to issue the final approval needed for American Airlines and the TACA Group to implement their codesharing agreement--an agreement that has now been pending at the Department for nearly 20 months.

This proposed Alliance offers Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and the travelers of the North Texas region great benefit by allowing the carriers of the TACA Group to have successful service to important destinations in Central America. Existing alliances approved by the Department are providing benefits to cities like Chicago and Atlanta; cities which are major competitors of ours for business activity. I believe prompt approval by DOT of this alliance will be an important step in allowing my community to be a full participant in the important field of international aviation.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt action on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Kirk  
Mayor

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